

Call for Papers

International Conference “Political Mobilization of Ethnic Minorities and Anti-Minority Discourse in Europe”

15-17 September 2016

Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca
<http://fspac.ubbcluj.ro/ethnicmobilization/conference/>

Over the last few years the political mobilization of different types of ethnic groups, together with the anti-diversity discourse unleashed by this mobilization took various forms in Europe. They oscillated between statements of several political leaders regarding the failure of multiculturalism, the electoral success of radical right parties, the intense debates regarding the integration of ethnic minorities, and the recent waves of refugees. This conference intends to provide an interdisciplinary space for various perspectives and approaches which try to understand, explain and offer solutions to these contemporary processes. It aims to create a fruitful exchange of ideas that could address the simultaneous challenges faced by the European continent with respect to the mobilization of ethnic minorities and anti-minority discourse. The organizers encourage three types of papers: theoretical (firmly grounded in general concepts and theories), methodological (addressing problems of measurement) and empirical (seeking to understand and explain mechanisms and processes). Both single-case studies and comparative (large and small-N) analyses of European countries are welcome, without any preference given to qualitative or quantitative techniques.

Applicants are invited to submit papers covering one of the following topics, but not limited to:

- Theories related to the mobilization of ethnic groups, both autochthonous and migration generated
- Research methods applied to the study of ethnic groups
- Patterns of mobilization in the case of ethnic migrants and autochthonous minorities
- Institutional determinants and consequences of political mobilization of migrants
- Determinants of associative behavior of migrants in European countries
- Opportunity structures for mobilization in the post-EU-accession period
- Perceptions of discrimination among migrants
- Group mobilization and individual-level participation in the case of migrants
- The impact of minority mobilization as reflected in host-states
- Majority responses to the various types of ethnic mobilization
- Types and determinants of anti-minority discourse in European countries

The organizers welcome individual paper submissions as well as proposals for full panels (5 papers). Each paper proposal must include the author's name and affiliation and an abstract of maximum 250 words. Panel proposals should list the names and affiliations of all speakers (as a general rule, 5 per panel), along with abstracts and, if available, information about the chair and the discussant. All proposals should be submitted by **1 June 2016** at confubb2016@fspac.ro.

All proposals will undergo rigorous selection by the Selection Committee. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by **20 June**. All presenters will be required to submit full papers by **25 August 2016**.

The conference will begin on Thursday, 15 September (at 14.00) and end on Saturday, 17 September (13:00). The working language of the conference is English. There is no participation fee. Accommodation (two nights) and meals will be provided for all participants. Travel grants are not available and participants are expected to make travel arrangements independently. At any stage throughout the process, you are welcome to contact the organizers at confubb2016@fspac.ro.